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Letter dated 2 October 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to my letter dated 2 December 2005 (S/2005/795) in which I proposed, and the Security Council subsequently approved (S/2005/796), the extension of the mandate of the United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office in Guinea-Bissau (UNOGBIS) from 22 December 2005 until 31 December 2006. The Council also approved, in the same document, a revision of the UNOGBIS mandate to allow the Office to adjust to the post-transitional challenges the country faced at the time.

Members of the Council will recall that in my report on developments in Guinea-Bissau and on the activities of UNOGBIS in that country of 6 July 2006 (S/2006/487), I referred to a recent assessment mission dispatched to Guinea-Bissau which concluded that a United Nations political presence remains vital in that country to contribute to stabilization, without which the full resumption of development assistance and economic investments, essential for sustainable peace and progress, cannot be guaranteed.

All of the various national and international stakeholders stressed to the mission the crucial catalytic role of the United Nations in facilitating and fostering dialogue among the principal national actors.

I would like to hereby inform the Security Council of my intention to designate Shola Omoregie (Nigeria) as my representative in Guinea-Bissau and Head of UNOGBIS as of 3 October 2006.

Mr. Omoregie will succeed João Bernardo Honwana, who served in Guinea-Bissau from September 2004 until his return to Headquarters on 15 September 2006, and whose excellent work has greatly contributed to the consolidation of peace in that country.

I should be grateful if you would bring this letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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